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Twenty Tons of Trash Removed from White River

Citizens, City and Community Groups Partner in 24th Annual Cleanup

INDIANAPOLIS – Citizens Energy Group and the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) teamed up with Friends of the White River and hundreds of local volunteers to clean up trash and debris from the White River today.

“As the biggest waterway in Indianapolis, keeping the White River clean is a necessity,” said Carey Lykins, President and CEO of Citizens Energy Group. “Citizens is proud of our employee volunteers and the hundreds of others who’ve given their time and energy to cleanup one of Indianapolis’ greatest assets.”

“It’s important that we all take an active role in preserving the White River as a natural resource, which is such an important asset for our city,” said Lori Miser, Director of the Department of Public Works. “DPW is proud to be involved with this year’s cleanup by teaming up with the volunteers and organizations to remove the trash and debris from the White River.”

Starting at 8 a.m., volunteers worked on both sides of the river. Areas near Morris Street, Raymond Street and White River Parkway were targeted as part of the cleanup. Work continued until noon and items such as tires, clothing and household waste were removed from the river’s banks.

Over the past 24 years, volunteers at this annual cleanup have removed 1.5 million pounds of trash and debris from the banks of the White River. While today’s trash removal has yet to be tallied, it is expected that volunteers will remove more than 20 tons of trash.

The White River Cleanup is made possible thanks to generous donors; Citizens Energy Group, DPW, Friends of the White River, United Water, SustainIndy, White River State Park, Crittur.com and Heritage Environmental Services.

For more information about the 24rd Annual White River Cleanup, please visit www.friendsofwhiteriver.org.

About Citizens Energy Group

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